Disclosure Called Key to Halting Campaign Abuse

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Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) said yesterday a law to require the President, Vice President and members of Congress to issue annual personal financial statements would be the best way "to stop before they happen the payoff, the kickback, the improper use of campaign funds."

"Any high-ranking official will stop and think before he engages in a particular enterprise or transaction if he knows he is going to have to disclose his financial activities and interests," Case said.

"If he files a false report, he will, of course, be subject to criminal penalties. The point is that deterrence is preferable to a solely punitive approach and that is what we are after—to stop before they happen the payoff, the kickback, the improper use of campaign funds."

Case made his remarks in a newsletter to constituents.